

COUNTRY CHURCH WORK EMPHASIZED

At Summer Assembly of
Southern Presbyterians
EVENTS AT MONTREAT

(By MAMIE BAYS.)

Montreat, Aug. 17.—No phase of the work of the church and its importance is being emphasized at Montreat more during the various conferences of the summer assembly of Southern Presbyterians than is true of the work of the church in the country, in the rural districts. The importance of this work will continue to be emphasized until the close of the assembly. There is a marked awakening on the importance of this work, and the church has been and will be urged to renewed efforts in the rural districts upon the ground especially that it is from the country church that the city church draws its strongest support, and that if the city church is to continue to live and accomplish its mission in the world, it must continue to draw strength from the church in the country. The fact is being emphasized forcibly that the reason Presbyterianism is not so strong in a large territory in North Carolina as is Methodism and the Baptist denomination is that the latter churches give much more attention to the establishment and support of country churches than does the former. There are thirty churches in the territory embraced in Albemarle Presbytery, in the Synod of North Carolina, and in this Presbytery there are only thirty-four Presbyterian churches, with a total membership of 1,078, and only 400 of these members are in country churches, while in the same territory Methodists have 130 churches, with a total membership of 12,100 members, a large per cent of these being connected with country churches. There are in Wake county 27 Baptist and 10 Methodist churches, and only one Presbyterian church, that being in Raleigh. The importance of renewed effort on the part of the church in the rural districts is emphasized by such facts as this that within a radius of four miles around an abandoned church in Wake county and within sixteen miles of Raleigh, there are five hundred people, residents of that section, who are not identified with any church.

It is believed also that a revival of the work of the church in the country will be of vast assistance in solving the problem of ministerial supply which is now one of the greatest problems facing all denominations. There are 3,400 churches in the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, and 1,300 of these churches are now without pastors, and the number of young men entering the ministry of this church at the present time barely supplies the vacancies caused by the retirement of the older ministers. There were 442 candidates for the ministry in this church last year and of that number 361 were from the country, 82 from the city, and more than one-half of the entire number from farmers' homes.

The number of guests at Montreat this season is far in excess of any other season in the history of the Mountain Retreat Association. Almost every section of the United States is represented among the guests, and several denominations, as well. The number of young people here is decidedly larger than ever before, and the attention that is being given to the entertainment of the young people is making Montreat more popular with both old and young. There is a well organized club for boys, known as the Montreat Athletic Club, and under the direction of R. C. Lipscomb, of Spartanburg, the boys of this club are receiving the best physical and moral training. This club recently secured in subscription more than five hundred dollars to be used in the erection of a club house for the boys at Montreat.

Mrs. J. K. Coit of Nacooche, Ga., is in charge of the work in the interest of the girls and children. A kindergarten is conducted each morning, five days of the week, for the little children, while the older girls find entertainment in the Montreat Merry Makers Club, where they spend several hours each week in athletics for girls, in the practice of needle-work, and in study.

During the present season many attractive improvements have been made in the Montreat hotels as the result of the work of the Montreat Woman's Co-operative Association, composed of women in all parts of the South who are interested in the development of Montreat.

The program of the coming week will include three important conferences—one in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Union, one in the interest of the "Million and a Half Campaign," and one in the interest of Foreign Missions. More than usual interest is attached to the second of these conferences, in view of the fact that it will take the place of

the conference of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and will be conducted by the men who are most prominently identified with that movement in the Southern Presbyterian church. It is probable that the largest number of ministers and laymen that have ever assembled at Montreat will be here to attend the sessions of this conference. This will be the first conference held in the interest of the "Million and a Half Campaign," this campaign being a new feature in the church, and having been inaugurated by order of the General Assembly of the present year. The object of this campaign is four-fold: 1. Special evangelistic effort and prayer in every church for a great ingathering of souls; 2. A simultaneous every member canvass for all benevolent causes in every church in the assembly, in March 1913; 3. At least one million dollars pledged for 1913-14 for all the assembly's causes; 4. Five hundred thousand dollars for extension and special equipment at home and abroad.

The campaign committee, representing each of the four executive committees of the church, is composed of ministers and laymen who are prominently identified with the work of those committees. Rev. J. P. McCallie, D. D., of Chattanooga, is chairman of the campaign committee; Charles A. Rowland, of Athens, Ga., is vice-chairman; John J. Eagan, of Nashville, is treasurer. Dr. McCallie will preside over the sessions of the conference.

Among the speakers who will be heard with special interest during the conference is Rev. George E. Raitt, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Raitt is a minister in the United Presbyterian church and he has been very active in the campaign recently conducted in that church to secure one million dollars for missions and twenty-five thousand new members to the church, is the result of evangelistic efforts.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 17.—Heavy short selling and a moderate amount of long liquidation depressed prices in the cotton market this week. Better weather and crop news was chiefly responsible for the selling. The net change for the week in the future market was a loss of 55 points.

The high prices were made on Thursday and the low prices on Tuesday. At the highest the trading months were still 10 points under the close of last week; at the lowest they were 74 to 76 under. The range was 64 to 66 points.

Throughout the week, the eastern half of the belt sent in most encouraging crop advices which, in a great measure, dispelled the idea that crops in the Atlantic States had been permanently injured by the excessive rains of the growing season. Texas got more or less rain and the conditions of drouth that have been prevailing in some sections of that State were generally considered to have been relieved for the time being at any rate.

A few complaints of insect damage were received but no reports of serious damage from this source were made. Large quantities of poison were shipped into the cotton region and the outlook seemed to be that the first hatch of worms would be killed off in time to prevent later hatches from which the greatest damage results. It was mainly a weather market and little attention was paid to anything but weather conditions. Spots attracted some notice because of their tendency to a lower basis in Texas and this stimulated selling. Bullish influences were scarce and the chief support came from the profit-taking of longs. Buying to realize profits caused the high prices of Thursday.

In the spot department prices lost nine-sixteenths of a cent, middling closing at 11 13-16 against 12% last week and 11% this week last year. Sales on the spot amounted to 436 bales, against 447 last week and 271 this week last year. Sales to arrive amounted to 55 bales, against 93 last week and 8 this week last year.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW.

New York, Aug. 16.—Cotton has recently declined sharply as to arrest general attention in the business world of this country. The sensational fall of prices was primarily due to one thing, the breaking of the drouth. This has led many to the conviction that the crop is going to be one of the largest ever raised. The big rains which have recently proved so beneficial over the larger part of Texas and the improved condition elsewhere in the Southwest as well as east of the Mississippi river have encouraged many to believe that the record price of last season will stimulate the farmers to a yield that will exceed 14,000,000 bales. The South, Wall Street, Liverpool, the West, room-traders, everybody indeed has sold on the idea that the outlook for the crop has widened out until there is no longer any great danger of a short yield. Prices for spot cotton have had to give way following futures however, reluctantly as buyers withdrew. The receipts of new cotton in the Southwest have been large enough to attract attention. The spot sales at Liverpool have dwindled to very small figures. Lancashire must feel the numbing effect of recent events.

Yet it would be a mistake to as-

sume that there are no bulls left. There are bulls. They aver that the believers in still lower prices are taking too much for granted. Something may yet overtake the crop. September as well as August must be favorable if the crop is to be large.

Bull bulls argue that a big crop has not yet been raised and that it may not be raised. Besides they contend that a decline of nearly two cents a pound offsets all the bearish arguments that the most rampant bear can offer. Also the bulls think that the short side has recently been greatly increased and that it is liable to become swollen as the long side was recently.

Furthermore they think that the textile industries after a momentary pause will go ahead and in any case may be found sooner or later to participate in the general prosperity which they think awaits this country especially as they think the political situation is less threatening than it was and that sudden and violent changes in the tariff are highly improbable. The general idea here at present, however, is that while rallies at the expense of the shorts are probable, from time to time yet unless the crop meets with a serious mishap the general direction of prices for a time be downward.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

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| New York, Aug. 16.—For the week ending Friday, August 16: | |
| Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week | 22,080 |
| Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year | 38,309 |
| Total receipts since September 1st | 11,881,885 |
| Total receipts to same date last year | 8,548,296 |
| Exports for the week | 12,828 |
| Exports for same week last year | 14,161 |
| Total exports since September 1st | 10,302,870 |
| Total exports same date last year | 7,392,608 |
| Stock at all United States ports | 214,089 |
| Stock at all United States ports same time last year | 158,001 |
| Stock at all interior towns | 74,011 |
| Stock at all interior towns same time last year | 81,580 |
| Stock at Liverpool same time last year | 687,000 |
| Stock of American afloat for Great Britain | 513,000 |
| Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year | 8,000 |

MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

New York, Aug. 16.—The following statistics on the movement of cotton for the week ending Friday, Aug. 16, were compiled by the New York Cotton Exchange.

Weekly movement.
Port receipts, 21,959 this year, 38,669 last year; overland to mills and Canada, 2,571 this year, 2,259 last year; Southern mill takings (estimated), 10,000 this year, 10,000 last year; loss of stock at interior towns, 670 this year, 394 last year; brought into sight for the week, 33,860 this year, 50,524 last year.
Total crop movement.
Port receipts, 11,833,045 this year, 8,599,699 last year; overland to mills and Canada, 1,009,789 this year, 966,315 last year; Southern mill takings (estimated), 2,705,000 this year, 2,230,000 last year; loss of stock at interior towns since September 1st, 3,834 this year, 39,963 last year; brought into sight thus far for season, 15,544,000 this year, 11,835,977 last year.

WEEKLY INTERIOR COTTON TOWNS.

| Towns. | New York, Aug. 16. | |
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| Albany | 18 | |
| Athens | 70 | |
| Atlanta, steady | 12 1/2 | |
| Brenham | 1,470 | |
| Charlotte, steady | 12 1/2 | |
| Columbia | 1,026 | |
| Columbus, Ga., st'dy | 105 | |
| Columbus, Miss. | 105 | |
| Dallas | 13 | |
| Eufaula | 5 | |
| Greenville | 79 | |
| Greenwood, S. C. | 70 | |
| Helena | 382 | |
| Little Rock | 12 1/2 | |
| Macon | 12 1/2 | |
| Meridian | 11 1/2 | |
| Montgomery, quiet | 12 1/2 | |
| Nashville, easy | 12 1/2 | |
| Natchez | 46 | |
| Newberry | 59 | |
| Raleigh, quiet | 218 | |
| Rome | 91 | |
| Selma | 28 | |
| Shreveport, easy | 11 1/2 | |
| Vicksburg | 17 | |
| Yazoo City | 17 | |

INTERIOR MARKETS.

| Tone. | Mid. | Net Rets. |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| Houston, steady | 12 3-16 | 9,023 |
| Augusta, steady | 12 1/2 | 244 |
| Memphis, steady | 12 1/2 | 270 |
| St. Louis, dull | 12 1/2 | 15 |
| Cincinnati | 163 | |
| Little Rock, steady | 12 | 55 |
| Louisville, firm | 12 1/2 | |
| Total today | | 9,770 |

STENOGRAPHER AND CONTRACTOR FLEE



Miss Ruby Carr.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 17.—Police all over the country have been asked to look for William E. Shively, contractor, and Miss Ruby Carr, his stenographer, missing for a week.

They rigged up a suicide hoax at Put-in-Bay, leaving wearing apparel near an upturned boat on the beach, but police got on the right claw when they found that Shively was short in his accounts with the Modern Woodmen. He is said to have had \$1,000 with him on departure. Shively left a wife and two grown children.

Here are descriptions of the pair: Miss Carr—twenty-three years old; 5 feet 2 inches tall; 125 pounds; dark, nearly black hair; dark brown eyes; fair complexion; slightly protruding upper teeth; talks with slight lisp; wore black dress, green collar, black slippers; took with her white voile dress with rose colored embroidery and a white lawn dress.

Shively—Forty years old; weighs 145 pounds; 5 feet 7 inches tall; dark hair; dark complexion; smooth shaven; wore light blue serge suit; low black derby.

FINE CROP PROSPECTS IN EASTERN CAROLINA

(Special to The News and Observer.)

New Bern, Aug. 17.—The present condition of the crops in this section is very encouraging and unless some unexpected change in the season occurs the farmers will realize some money for the work during the past few months. In driving out from New Bern down toward Pamlico county, one sees verdant fields of corn and cotton on every hand and this seems to be in the best of condition. In this section, especially, the cotton acreage has been decreased a great deal from that of last season.

This condition is to be found more or less over the entire section. But what has been lost in quantity will be made up for in quality. One Craven county farmer escorted the writer over his farm, showing him the excellent condition of the corn and cotton and other farm products and the latter has never been more favorably impressed.

From present indications one is led to believe that the price of the fleecy staple will go to 15 cents. If such occurs or even at a price a few points less than this, the farmers will realize a profit on their crops. The only thing that is worrying the growers here is the probability that when the cotton picking season arrives they will not be able to secure sufficient help to get their cotton out of the fields.

This condition occurred last season and the farmers were greatly inconvenienced and also lost much money on this account. There are hundreds of idle negroes all over the county, but even enormous remuneration will not induce them to work when they do not want to. However, it is to be hoped that this condition will not exist this season.

HIS REPLY.

She (for the 'steen-hundreth, more or less, time)—"Oh, darling, do you really and truly love me?"

He (a trifle grimly)—"Now look-a-here, Gladys! Do you want me to put up a cash bond?"—Judge.

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